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REINFORCE POLICE ALONG WEST GERMAN BORDER -- Buenos Aires, Argentinsches Tageblatt, 28 Feb 52

The West Berlin daily Der Tag reports that a reorganization and reinforcement of Soviet Zone border police along the West German border has taken place.

Border police units have been moved from the northern borders of the German Democratic Republic to its western border.

Border patrols are said to be armed with light to medium infantry weapons, antiaircraft artillery, and light tanks. The Seepolizei (Sea Police) is said to be patrolling the border in the north.

EVACUATE ZONAL BORDER REGIONS -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 20 Feb 52

The governments of Sachsen and Thueringen have directed the evacuation of numerous towns near the West German border by 25 April 1952. The West Berlin newspaper Telegraf reports that this evacuation has been ordered by the Operations Division of the Soviet Control Commission. Units of the People's Police and Soviet croops are to be stationed in the evacuated area.

TO FORTIFY ODER-NEISSE BORDER -- Recklinghausen, Der Schlesier, 5 Jan 52

According to refugees who have come to Berlin from Polish-occupied districts, the Oder-Neisse border is to be fortified on the Polish side. Along the rivers a 3-kilometer-wide strip is to be fenced off with barbed wire and laid with mines. Traffic between the Soviet Zone and West Germany is being watched closely, to make escape to the West practically impossible for Poles and for Germans still living in Silesia, East Brandenburg, Pommern, and East Prussia, except by way of Czechoslovakia or the Baltic Sea.

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USSR RUMORED WILLING TO RETURN SILESIA -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 21 Dec 51

Stockholm -- According to the Agence Europeenre de Presse, G. M. Pushkin, USSR ambassador to Berlin, stated that the Soviet Union is willing to return Silesia in exchange for German neutrality. Stockholm's Aftentidningen writes that rumors are circulating in Berlin to the effect that Stalin is dissatisfied with developments in Poland and wants to undertake a fifth partitioning of Poland. The first step would be to retard Poland's industrialization, so that the industrial development of the German Democratic Republic can be accelerated.

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